

REMARKS

With the above amendments, claims 89-110 remain pending and at issue in the above identified patent application. Claims 89, 101, 104, and 106 have been amended and claim 111 has been canceled without prejudice. Of the claims at issue, claims 89, and 101 are independent and have been amended to include the claim recitations of canceled claim 111. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 104 and 106 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. In particular, claims 104 and 106 included language directed to openings formed at least at the base, near or at the top, or as an aperture. The claims have been amended to recite that the opening is formed as an aperture. It is noted, however, that the aperture may be located at the base, near or at the top, or at any other suitable location on the contoured shape position. The foregoing should eliminate any rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 that may have been proper.

Allowable Subject Matter

The applicant notes with appreciation that the examiner has indicated that claim 111 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Independent claims 89 and 101 have been amended to include the recitations of claim 111. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 89-110 are in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Reconsideration of the application and allowance thereof are respectfully requested. If there is any matter that the examiner would like to discuss, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-2455.

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